

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I am opposed to any action by the FCC that allows large companies to control the airwaves. It is very important to me to see real people from my community. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Sinclair and its executives have a long history of making donations to the Republican Party and President Bush, according to the Wall Street Journal. That signals to me that he serves a partisan interest, not a public interest. Biased content is not quality programming that me and my community want to see, and we expect the FCC to make sure that the "public interest" is not ignored.

Sinclair's actions show why the FCC needs to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process should not be a rubber stamp. Please know that Americans care deeply about the issue of media consolidation and are looking to the FCC to act in the public interest. Thank you.